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Honorable William F. Raborn
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Dear Red:

During our meeting on the FY 1967 preview I suggested the need for CIA and the Defense Department to study their photographic interpretation facilities. You indicated that your agency was willing to participate in such a study. I have also discussed this problem with Secretary McNamara and he has indicated that the Defense Department will participate. I am writing to recap the problem as the Bureau sees it and to ask that the study be launched promptly. It would be particularly helpful if the study could be completed before the final decisions are made on the FY 1967 budget.

During the past five years there has been a proliferation of photographic interpretation facilities in the Defense Department and a substantial increase in photo interpretation capability in both the Department and CIA. These actions have reflected in part, the growth of our photographic take and its growing importance as a source of intelligence. We are now facing a four-year period which will bring major further increases in both the volume and quality of the photography we collect. Before we provide additional resources to meet these increases, I believe we should study our existing assets and future requirements to insure that they will be utilized to the maximum.

Accordingly, I request that the Department of Defense and the Central Intelligence Agency study the major photographic interpretation facilities in both agencies. The study might well be divided into an internal review of facilities serving only service or agency needs, leading to a joint review of the several facilities which entirely or partially serve national needs. I suggest that this study should, as a minimum:

- Inventory existing photographic interpretation capabilities and workload.
- Identify any existing overlap or duplication among the facilities.
- Evaluate future requirements for facilities and equipment.

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- Develop a plan for tasking of facilities to meet national and agency needs on a nonduplicatory basis.
- Insure the full coordination of research and development programs directed toward improving or automating imagery interpretation.

If you agree that the study should proceed as I have outlined it, I would appreciate it if Bureau staff would be kept informed of the study plan and timetable, and advised of progress periodically.

Sincerely,

Charlie

Charles L. Schultze
Director

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